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# Iowa Crop Progress & Condition



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Hot and humid weather throughout Iowa aided crop development for the week ending July 19, 2015, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide there were 4.5 **days suitable for fieldwork**. Activities for the week included cutting hay and fungicide application to corn. Tasseling corn was reported throughout the State.

**Topsoil moisture** levels rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 17 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 18 percent surplus.

Over half the **corn** crop reached the silking stage, with 83 percent rated good to excellent. **Soybeans** blooming or beyond reached 62 percent, slightly behind 2014, but equal to normal. Fifteen percent of soybeans were setting pods. Soybean condition rated 77 percent good to excellent this week. **Oat** acreage turning color or beyond reached 87 percent, with 28 percent of the oat crop harvested for grain or seed, 3 days ahead of last year, but 4 days behind the average. Oat crop condition rating declined to 79 percent good to excellent.

The first cutting of **alfalfa hay** made little progress, advancing just 1 percentage point to 95 percent complete. The second cutting reached 53 percent, slightly ahead of last year, but 5 days behind normal. **Hay condition** was rated at 69 percent good to excellent, while **pasture condition** rated 78 percent good to excellent. Livestock stress levels increased as temperatures and humidity remained high throughout the week.

## Crop conditions as of July 19, 2015

Item	Very Poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn, all .....	0	3	14	60	23
Soybeans .....	1	3	19	60	17
Hay, all.....	1	6	24	55	14
Oats .....	0	3	18	65	14
Pasture & Range...	0	2	20	59	19

## Field Work and Crop Progress as of July 19, 2015

Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Oats coloring .....	94	74	84	95	95	83	98	90	91	87	69	80	85
Oats harvested .....	33	15	35	36	37	14	34	20	34	28	13	19	37
Corn silking.....	57	56	42	54	70	58	50	60	64	56	17	54	52
Soybeans blooming .....	81	68	60	61	65	72	43	37	48	62	40	64	62
Soybeans setting pods .....	17	18	9	13	24	19	10	11	16	15	4	17	16
Alfalfa Hay, first cutting.....	100	100	100	100	98	100	96	85	96	95	94	99	99
Alfalfa Hay, second cutting .....	84	59	72	71	72	76	41	18	35	53	40	50	65

## Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Condition as of July 19, 2015

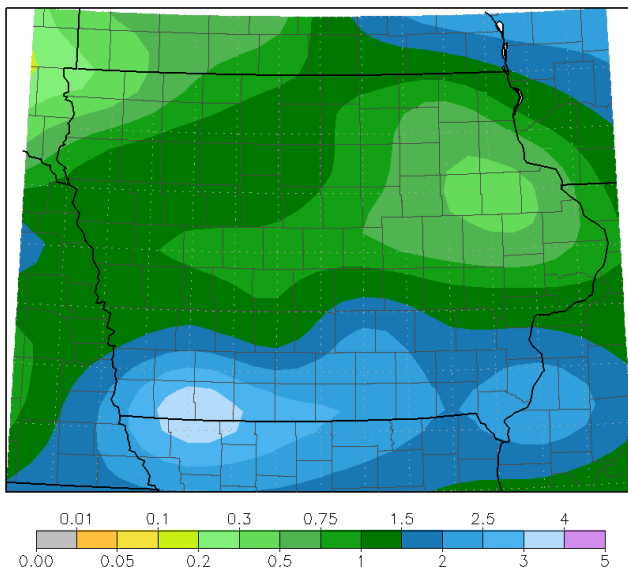
Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	4.9	5.2	4.3	4.4	4.8	5.2	4.4	3.2	2.7	4.5	4.8	6.0
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short .....	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short .....	13	7	2	3	3	2	2	0	2	4	3	6
Adequate .....	81	88	91	88	75	70	77	45	51	79	77	81
Surplus .....	4	4	7	9	22	28	21	55	47	17	20	13
Subsoil moisture												
Very short .....	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Short .....	13	5	5	2	1	1	1	1	6	4	3	7
Adequate .....	79	91	88	90	76	61	75	48	58	78	78	81
Surplus .....	6	3	7	8	23	38	24	51	35	18	19	11

## IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

Provided by Harry Hillaker, State Climatologist  
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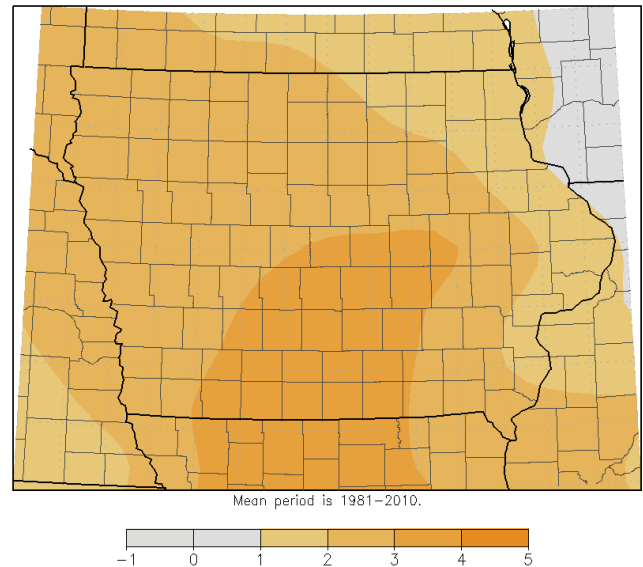
Hot and humid weather dominated Iowa for much of the reporting week. The hottest weather occurred on Monday (13<sup>th</sup>) and Friday (17<sup>th</sup>) while temperatures slipped below normal in some areas on Wednesday (15<sup>th</sup>) and Sunday (19<sup>th</sup>). The combination of heat and humidity pushed official heat indices to 111 degrees at Burlington on Monday and 110 degrees on Friday while unofficial readings went even higher elsewhere over southern Iowa. Actual temperatures peaked at 97 degrees at Des Moines on Monday and also at Bellevue, Lamoni and Osceola on Friday. Lowest temperatures were sunrise readings of 56 degrees at Cresco on Wednesday (15<sup>th</sup>) and at Estherville on Sunday (19<sup>th</sup>). Temperatures for the week as a whole averaged 3.3 degrees above normal. Most of the week's rain fell between late Wednesday (15<sup>th</sup>) morning and Friday (17<sup>th</sup>) morning with heavy rains of two inches or more falling over most of the southern one-third of the state, as well as some west central sections of Iowa. Otherwise there were some scattered showers and thunderstorms over the northeast and southwest corners of Iowa on Monday (13<sup>th</sup>). Light to occasionally moderate rain also fell over far northern, western and southern Iowa on Saturday (18<sup>th</sup>). Finally, thunderstorms brought rain to far southern Iowa on Sunday (19<sup>th</sup>) morning. Weekly rain totals varied from 0.17 inches at Bellevue to 5.61 inches at Clarinda. The statewide average rainfall was 1.30 inches while normal for the week is 1.02 inches.

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
July 13, 2015 to July 19, 2015



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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean  
July 13, 2015 to July 19, 2015



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